



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

APPLICANT: Vincent E. Bryan et al CASE NO.: P98,0774
SERIAL NO: 08/944,234 GROUP ART UNIT: 3309
FILED: October 6, 1997 EXAMINER: G. Tucker
INVENTION: "DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC
DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 1998, the time for response having been extended, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, line 3, after "co-pending, related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/681,230,"
please insert --now U.S. Patent 5,674,296--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 16 as follows:

1. A drill head for preparing the bone of two opposing intervertebral bodies to accept a predetermined concave shape of an endoprosthesis comprising:
a form cutter having a convex cutting profile capable of imparting a shape to the bone of intervertebral bodies which mates with the predetermined convex endoprosthesis surface shape[;]
and having an integral beveled gearing surface;